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TUESDAY, MAY 23, 1916.

### Breakers Ahead

THERE are legal breakers ahead, evidently, for the Cannon-Mapp prohibition bill. That measure, as The Times-Dispatch pointed out some time ago, does not interfere seriously with a citizen's right to keep in his own home and for his own use as much liquor as he considers necessary to his happiness, provided the stock is accumulated before November 1. Now comes Dr. Lindsay Rogers, of the department of political science in the University of Virginia, to inform us that the celebrated quart-a-month clause is fatally defective. The argument seems somewhat complicated, and the conclusion may not be sound, but it is interesting. At any rate, it will make fine picking for the courts.

Los Angeles wants a "crime doctor." Most of us think our criminals get enough nursing as it is.

### Yaquis No Part of Mexico

IF the report is true that a band of Yaqui Indians threatens Major Langhorne's detachment of troops in Mexico, it should not be taken as an indication of Mexican hostility toward this country, but only as another outbreak of sheer deviltry on the part of the Indians. So far from being loval to whatever government Mexico has happened to have from time to time, the Yaquis have been a constant thorn in the flesh to the authori-

Even Mexico's strong man. Porfirio Diaz. was frequently called on to quell Yaqui uprisings, and under his weaker successors little progress has been made toward their subjection. There is no more reason to connect than there would have been to associate a five years ago, with the United States War

The Republican favorite sons plan to smoke not to disturb a hornets' nest

## Little Sympathy for Lynch

common with the rest of the world, the British authorities seem to have come to the conclusion that enough blood has been shed in punishing the Irish rebels. Courtsmartial continue to sentence men to death, but commutations to terms of imprisonment follow, rather than executions. It is to be instituted, not that they made an exception some of the things they are told. his case because he is an American

Certainly, his citizenship could not justly have been pleaded in mitigation. If anything, it should have called for harsher treatment. For the Irishmen who rushed blindly into an ill-fact d attempt to overthrow what they considered and with some reason—an alien government, much sympathy is felt But that sympathy decidedly weakens, if it does not vanish, when the offender is one who has abjured his allegiance to his native. land and has become a citizen of another

'John D Pays a Nickel for a Kiss," remarks a headline. It just goes to show the old man is getting careless with his money.

## Russians Ride to Kut

UNION of Russian cavalry with British forces operating near Kut-el-Amara, where only recently a British army under General Townshend surrendered to the Turks, does not yet mean co-operation in sufficient strength seriously to affect the situation in Mesopotamia, but it does indicate the possibility and the close approach of that co-operation. The Russians came probably from the armies that are investing Khanikin, 120 miles to the north. If they rode directly through the mountainous country between Khanikin and Kut, it must have been a wild and perilous journey.

The losses of the Turks on the Caucasian front, in killed, wounded and prisoners, are reported in the dispatches to have been enormous. The discontent of the population with the German officers sent to direct military operations grows constantly. There are circumstantial reports that Field Marshal von der Geltz was murdered, that other Germans of high rank have shared the same fate and that the Turkish Cabinet is split by dissension.

Whatever the result of the great war on other fields, the Turks will lose. There are indications that leaders as well as people are becoming anxious to make the best terms possible by concluding a separate peace

For the Turks this appearance of the Russians on the Tigris is "the most unkindest Kut of all.

Principle of Secular Government Applies IN refusing to modity its stand against

dancing, theatergoing card playing and other like amusements, the Presbyterian Church, we fear, is violating one of the cardinal principles of secular government, which applies with almost equal force to church regulation. It has long been recognized that a law ignored or disobeyed by the people had better be erased from the statute books, lest the whole of the law be endangered. Ac customed to disregard one set of laws, the average man is inclined to question the force

In this day, our good friends, the Presby- | cheeses.

terians, are not altogether unlike our good friends of other denominations. Young people-and some old people-will dance; theaters are no respecters of sects, and card playing, whether right or wrong in itself, has its adherents all over the country. And all these followers of forbidden amusements indulge their fancies openly. Hence, the question asks itself: Does not the Presbyterian Church weaken its temporal influence by insisting on formal prohibition of amusements in which thousands of its members habitually take part?

The Commonwealth and Westmoreland Clubs are going to play a game of baseball for the war sufferers. Who's going to play for the benefit of those who look at the game?

### "Pay-as-You-Go!"

EW YORK'S Legislature has enacted and Governor Whitman has signed a measure giving the force of law to the "pay-as-you-go" policy of New York City. That American community which fails to give heed to New York's experience with long-term bond issues is neglecting its own interests and paving the way, with the sort of paving material largely employed in an undesirable section of the hereafter, for future troubles, difficulties and embarrassments.

The metropolis of the nation is enjoying just now the best government it has ever had. Mayor Mitchel and his colleagues of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment have shown they possessed courage as well as vision. Struggling with a heritage of stupid municipal finance, they have declined to prepare a new and more onerous burden for posterity. Their "pay-as-you-go" resolution. which the Legislature has now put into statutory form, provides that the cost of nonrevenue-producing improvements shall be provided for as follows:

That during the year 1916 one-half of the cost thereof shall be paid by the issue of corporate stock maturing seri-ally from one to fifteen years, and the remaining half shall be included in the budget, and that during the year 1917 one-quarter of the cost of such improve-ment shall be paid by the issue of cor-porate stock maturing serially from onement shall be paid by the issue of cor-porate stock maturing serially from one to fifteen years and the remaining three-quarters shall be included in the bud-get, and that in the year 1918 and thereafter all of the cost of such im-provements shall be provided for in the budget. budget.

Richmond is not yet in the position of New York, but the policy of issuing thirty-fouryear bonds for all public improvements, almost without regard to their life expectancy, if steadily pursued, will load us certainly

with the financial handicaps of the metropolis. Permanent improvements authorized this year in New York are to be paid for, half from the proceeds of the general tax levy and half by corporate stock running fifteen years, and redeemable serially throughout that period. Next year the cost of permanent improvements is to be divided between tax levy and corporate stock in the propor-tion of three to one. In 1918 and thereafter all improvements will be carried in the budget.

It is not necessary for Richmond to follow an attack by Yaquis with Mexican sentiment New York's example in full, and, indeed, while the present constitutional prohibition scalping party of our own Apaches, twenty- of benefit assessments continues in force, it would not be possible. It is time, nevertheless, for Richmond to reduce the term of its bond issues and to substitute the serial redemption plan for the present sinking fund out Justice Hughes. They should be careful plan. It is easily demonstrable that serial redemption means a large saving in interest charges--and interest charges are even now one of the biggest items in Richmond's They break up my sleep, they dodge from my

This is one of the questions that ought to . And, if they're anopheles, they bring more have serious consideration when a new city charter is being framed for submission to the people.

assumed that in the case of Jeremiah C. instruction in history. This plan at least Lynch, the officials followed the policy already | will make it possible for students to believe

## Saving an Hour of Daylight

SEVERAL months ago the Germans decided that the time had come to stop wasting daylight. Being scientific in all things, and particularly in the matter of government. they accomplished their purpose by a simple expedient: the Kaiser issued an order setting every clock in the empire up an hour, and the thing was done. Instead of lying in bed an hour or two after the sun is up, because the clock hands point to six, all good and loyal Germans now get up at that hour, because the Kaiser says it is seven, and the clocks obey him. And, at the other end of the day, everybody goes to bed an hour earlier than formerly, because the Kaiser says it is later than it really is, and the clocks again obey him.

The sweet simplicity of despotic government is not for us, so, despite the obvious advantages of the new system, it can be put into effect in this country only by an educational campaign. That considerable progress has been made along this line, however, is demonstrated by the fact that the daylightsaving plan is already in full force in Cleveland and Detroit; Kansas City is on the point of adopting it, and even conservative Baltimore is seriously considering it. Both in Cleveland and Detroit the benefits of the time-change have been so great that residents say nobody wants to go back to the old schedule.

Under the daylight-saving system of chronology, everybody goes to work an hour earlier, which is hardly noticed except by those who begin their toil with daybreak. But at the end of the day, everybody has an extra hour of daylight, which is noticed and enjoyed. How we formed the habit of sleeping for hours after the sun rises and staying awake for hours after dark, is hard to explain. Anyhow, the new plan offers a wholesome and inexpensive remedy.

We begin to doubt if Henry Ford is the pacifist he declares himself. There are rumors affoat that he will contribute to the Wilson war chest.

Germany decides that sinking of neutral vessels by submarines was justifiable. Neutrals, however, may be expected to take another view.

As between the Yaquis and the Villistas there's not a great deal of choice. The chief difference between them is a matter of clothes

They wouldn't be fighting now in the Garden of Eden if Eve hadn't picked that forbidden fruit. Yet women are blaming the

When the German Chancellor confiscates all the food in the empire, he will have to provide a special strong box for some of the

### SEEN ON THE SIDE

The Rose. I send thee a rose

From the green vine that grows O'er the porch at my door; This rose, it is sweet, But its fragrance is fleet; Thine endures evermore.

I send thee a rose. Whose soft petals unclose, As thine eyes, to the light: its petals will fade. But thine eyes, unafraid, Grow more clear in time's flight

I send thee a rose That I hope will depose To the love that I bear: Its fragrance is thine And its sharp thorns are mine, Lest thou lovest me, dear.

### The Pessimist Says:

If you want to find out what Colonel Roose velt really thinks of Justice Hughes, just wait till the justice beats him to it at the Chicago convention.

Shakespeare Day by Day. For some women: "God hath given you one face, and you make yourselves another. Hamlet, III. 1.

For the critic of the times "Oh! thoughts of men accurst! Past and to come seem best; things present, worst."

-King Henry IV., Part II., i. 3. For the flesh-reducing expert: "Let me have men about me that are fat."-Julius Caesar, i. 2. For the statesman:

That, sir, which serves and seeks for gain, And follows but for form. Will pack when it begins to rain And leave thee in the storm."

-King Lear, ii. 4. For every one of us: "I had rather have a fool to make me merry than experience to make me

### One Good Point.

sad."-As You Like It, iv. 1.

"Did the bank president find anything to approve in that financial proposition you sub-

"Yes, indeed. He said the typewriting was excellent.

### Insufficient Ballast. Grubbs-They tell me the Jinkses' matrimonial

bark has gone on the rocks. Stubbs-Then you have been misinformed. was the lack of rocks that prevented the bark

Every Convenience. Enticing sign on the office of a rural digni-

ANDREW JACKSON JONES. · LAWYER AND JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. Marriages Performed and Divorces

Obtained With Neatness, Celerity and Disputch.

At the start, I'll admit that I am an M. D.; That a rivalry dwells 'twixt mosquitoes and me; They take samples of blood and they sing their own praise

And encroach on my province in various ways.

So it's war to the death 'tixt mosquitoes and me; They attack in the night, they sing with great glee.

mishaps. On some number of days I shall have a great

(chill, Followed up by a fever, and I'll feel very ill; Princeton, we are told, is to modernize And then comes a sweat, and when that is well

> So the struggle is on 'twixt insect and man. He'll sting and he'll piefce whenever he can. But he and his kin are all doomed, I well ween,

> To-Day's Best Hand-Picked Joke. "So my daughter has consented to become your wife. Have you fixed the day of the wed-

For victory's assured by the Great Kerosene.

"I will leave that to her." "Will you have a church or a private wed-

"Her mother can decide that." "What have you to live on?" "I will leave that entirely to you, sir."--Yale

Odious Comparisons. No love I've felt for him whose pelt No hint can penetrate, But loved still less that human mess Built with an ivery pate

Record.

## Health Talks, by Dr. Wm. Brady Mineral Oil

How many scores of names there may be for different brands of liquid petrolatum we haven't the slightest conception, but there must be as the slightest conception, but there must be as many as there are wholesale drug houses at Possibly there may be slight differences in weight, freedom from taste, odor, practically it is a negligible difference. odor, etc. Bur The more common names are liquid petroleum, purified petroleum, mineral oil, "Russian" oil,

So long as there is no unpleasant taste and no after-taste, the preparation is good enough, whatever name it bears.

Mineral oil is called an "intestinal lubricant,"

and appears to serve such purpose. It is unlike castor oil, olive oil, butter and other things used for laxative effect, in that it is never absorbed. It lubricates—that is all. Being tasteless, it is not difficult to take— like water. The dose for an adult is, say, a tablespoonful several times a day; for a young child a teaspoonful is sufficient. Being ont

automobile driver feeds oil to his engine continuously. Better not mix oil with meals, however Better not mix oil with means, a word or two will do as well, or better, an hour or two from meaitime. Oil of any kind puts a sudden quietus upon the secretion of gastric juice, and, naturally, that doesn't hasten digestion.

lubricant, the dose must be repeated frequently

Particularly appropriate is mineral oil as a remedy in that vast number of cases of intesthal stasis, constipation, due to kinks, sagging or "ptosis," as doctors say, weakened abdominal and intestinal musculature (this in women who mold the figure with corsets, instead of breathing and exercise). These are the very cases of costiveness which are only aggravated by

Now, mineral oil haz never cured anything, in our opinion it is a harmless remedy, and a very grateful thing to use in lieu of the injurivery grateful thing to use in lieu of the injuri-ous liver pills, A. B. S., salts, castor oil, calomel and "herbs," so commonly resorted to when intestinal activity is inadequate. To take a powerful drug, even if it is obtained from "purely vegetable" or "herb" sources, just to relieve food stasis or constipation, is to store up worse trouble than the consipation itself will appaire. Mineral oil will obviets the need

of any weight, unless you take, say, a couple of quarts of the oil at a dose.

Eighteen and Twenty-Five Years Old.

When eighteen years old on the right side 1 had a wisdom tooth pulled and when twenty-five years old on the left side 1 had another pulled. Now the dentist wants me to believe I am cutting still a third. Is that possible?

Answer-Well, 47 per cent of us fail to cut from one to all four third molars. Perhaps you belong to the upper 53 per cent, the superman family. You are not quite immune until you get to be about thirty years old on both sides.

The Most Satisfactory Truss.

Please advise me where I can obtain the most satisfactory truss for my hernia.

Answer-From any of a hundred different

Answer—From any of a hundred different manufacturers. But anatomical knowledge is necessary in fitting a truss, and your family doctor has the knowledge. Leave it to him to determine where and what sort of support is required for your particular case. He won't apply a truss on a tumor, for instance, nor on a hydrocele.

Disappointed Readers. Take Notice.
Correspondents who fail to find their questions answered should take particular notice of our marked preticular. marked prejudice in favor of short letters. marked prejudice in tavor of short fetters. Low see, we haven't room for the long ones, and, anyway, is hard to remember on page 2 what the correspondent started to ask on page 1.

## News of Fifty Years Ago

(From the Richmond Dispatch, May 23, 1866.)

The corner-stone of the new city building to be erected on Broad Street, between Ninth and Tenth, for an engine-house and other city purposes, was laid yesterday by Metropolitan Lodge, No. 11, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, assisted by Richmond Commandery, Knights Templar. Prayer was offered by Rev. Ceorge Jacobs, and the stone was formally laid by Worshipful Master S. M. Boykin. The address was delivered by Hon. Joseph Mayo, the Mayor of the city.

Efforts are being made to introduce in this city the custom of Northern cities to close the retail stores earlier during the summer months. It is contended that all of the business of the day can be transacted from 8 A. M. to 6 P. M. and really it would seem that from 8 to 4. Would be time enough.

By special permit of the military authorities, Colonel Farrar will deliver his lecture, entitled Johnnie Reb." at the Third Presbyterian Church to-night for the benent of the Oakwood Memorial Association.

The steamship Ephesus arrived at Norfolk yesterday morning with an assorted cargo of merchandise for Virginia and North Carolina merchants, consigned to Colonel William Lamb, of Norfolk. The Ephesus is the first of a line of steamers that will run regularly between England and Norfolk.

The citizens of Danville have held a public meeting, and, by an almost unanimous vote, instructed the corporate authorities to subscribe 10,000 or more to the capital stock of the Lynchburg and Danville Railroad.

Since the medical examination of the condition of Mr. Davis, he is allowed more privileges at Fortress Monroe. He is now allowed to extend his daily walks and is privileged to have all of the tobacco, cigars and liquors he chooses to buy, General Howard, commissioner of the Freed-

General Howard, commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau, has issued an imperative order forbidding officers of the bureau making any kind of investments, directly or indirectly, in planting or farming operations in the South, ite says in his order that such a course will inevitably lead to corruption.

Commodore Leon Smith, late of the Confederate Navy, was pardoned yesterday by President Johnson, and that on the recommendation of several Republican Senators.

In the United States Howard Personnel

In the United States House of Representatives yesterday Mr. McClung, of Missouri, introduced resolutions providing that special internal revenue taxes be levied on the citizens of the Southern States "lately in rebellion" to pay off the war debt of the United States, thereby relieving citizens of the North of this burden. The resolutions went to the proper committee.

Three thousand bales of cotton were sold in New York yesterday at 3s to 40 cents per pound. Gold went up to 132. The precious metal was quoted in Richmond at 130 to 131. Over 3,000 Mormons have reached New York within the past week, en route to the Far West. The most of them were from England.

## Chats With Virginia Editors

Says the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot: "Somebody Says the Noticik Virginian-Phot: "Somebody has figured that we have 20,000,000 men available for military duty, but the number prepared for it is only about 100,000." And there is probably no occasion for the other 13,900,000 to get in a state of preparedness.

The happy young editor of the Charlotte Gazette consoles himself as follows: "We some-times thank Heaven that we are too young to have learned the full measure of politics, and that about 90 per cent of the moves in the politi-cal game are beyond our understanding. We cal game are beyond our understanding. We believe too thoroughly in democracy to want to know all that is to be known of the inner workings of the political game in this country we fear that if we discovered all the pol we fear that if we discovered all the political hints we have observed to be true we would lose some portion of our faith." The above seems to have some reference to the James-cillass contest. Glass contest.

We have heard it said that water is only good to put out fire and to sail ships in, but we suspect some of the Richmond and Newport News suspect some of the Richmond and Newport News newspaper men will find other uses for it after the first of November.—Chase City Progress. We already find other uses for it in Newport News. For example, we use it to bathe in, and we assure our prohibition contemporary that a bath either in the surf or in the privacy of the home is a great delight. Try it for yourself.—Newport News Press.

Here is a short, but timely, lecture from the Urbanna Sentinel: "Some of those Richmond sports who would gladly walk a couple of miles to a two-by-four pond to catch a catfish and a 'yellow-belly' couldn't go astray by chipping in on that Richmond-Urbanna Railroad, for they could come down on a normaly's trailroad some down on a normaly's trailroad. could come down on a morning's train and enough 'hardheads' by the time the last goes out to load a coach and then have enough to spare to give the engineer and fireman a mess. True, they are not the best variety of fish, but neither is the catfish."

"The announcement," says the Bristol Herald-Courier, "that 40,000 applications have been received for sents at the Republican National Convention would indicate that a lot of people have a hunch that it is going to be some circus." It looks a little that way.

Possibly there may be some wisdom in the rossing there may be some wisdom in the following from the Harrisonburg Independent, but we doubt it: "It's really a sin to kill a spider in the early springtime, even if you meet him in your bedroom. Think of the millions of flies he will devour that time of the year by that earlier cross of them." just eating one of them."

After the long, cool spring, the summer season is opening in the mountains. The Sandy Valley News says: "There are about 1,000 different kinds of mosquitoes, but we are not hankering the job of determining which one hardest You can have it."

## Queries and Answers

Is this good English, "To-day's savings means morrow's home"? STREET CAR.
No. However "singular" it may be for one have any "savings," the form is plural, and just be followed by the verb in the plural.

Burr Trial.

Can you tell me where to find the best story of the Aaron Burr trial in short space?

JACKSON W. TOWNES.

in Vol. X. (1897) of the Reports of the Virginia Bar Association, is an address of Hon. William Wirt Henry on the trial of Burr. This is probably the best brief description of the inatter to be found. Any lawyer friend will lend you the book or you may find it in the libraries.

ous liver pills, A. B. S., salts, castor oil, calomel and "herbs," so commonly resorted to when intestinal activity is inadequate. To take a powerful drug, even if it is obtained from "purely vegetable" or "herb" sources, just to relieve food stasis or constipation, is to store up worse trouble than the constipation itself will produce. Mineral oil will obviate the need of such drugs, and, remarkable though it seems, it never does any harm. Some authorities enthusiastically aver that mineral oil also absorbs and carries from the body considerable toxic material, but this idea, we think, is not June 1.

# Won't Somebody Stop It?



-From the Cleveland Plain Dealer

### AMERICA LEARNS SHARPSHOOTING BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 22.-Can the club privileges that they may buy ern high-power army rifle and put list prices, and some of the wealthier twenty bullets into a target 200 yards organizations have set their annual away in two minutes? The American dues as high as \$25, with the additional civilian who could do that in 1314 was almost rare enough to put into a museum, but if things Reep moving in the direction they are headed today, the feat will soon be a mere commonplace. Incidentally, the country will have taken a long step along what is perhaps the most important of the paths that lead to citizen preparedness.

Importance of Shooting Straight.

America is learning to shoot. The tremendous growth of popular interest conflict which taught us the importing the use of the rifle in this country ance of a shooting citizenry in a nasince the outbreak of the European tion that looks to volunteers in time since the outbreak of the European war is a striking instance of the way war is a striking instance of the way of emergency. Professor F. H. Philthe conflict has affected popular sentiment. We are turning back toward the days of Daniel Boone, when every man was a sharpshooter, and a call to arms found a citizenry that not only heard the call, but knew how to use the langeworks in a few weeks understood.

It was eleven years ago that Congress authorized the issuance of army rifles of the Krag model, with ball his first-aid work, and so on, in any concentration examp. But the only was the carlearn to shoot is under a proper cartridge, for the use of civilian rifle clubs in target practice. After five the special carlearn to shoot is under a proper range. The experience of one velunteer regiment was under carvas for nine months. States. To-day there are over 1,100. While their total membership is a mather of estimate, it is probably not far from 100,000 men. It might be more accurate to say men and women, for at least one woman, Mrs. William at whe does not know how to shoot at least one woman, Mrs. William at whe does not know how to shoot at least one woman, Mrs. William at who does not know how to shoo Strong, of Helena, Mont., has qualified back.

those touching a ten-year period. At to shoot of the war there were 270 civilian clubs in the United States.

The rifle clubs are under the joint administration and supervision of the National Rifle Association and the War Department. The National Rifle Association and the War Department. National fills Association and the War Department. The National Rifle Asso-entire police department of the Disciation is an institution forty-five trict of Columbia has joined as a single a sport, long before the preparedness alone number over 1,000 members. problem arose. Government recognition of the movement also came in the range at Winthrop. days when the sporting angle of the program was still uppermost in the information of the affiliated clubs, although officials of the Department were doubtless influenced in their recommendations to Congress entirely by the value of rifle practice in training a citizen for possible military service. It is only within the last two years that the preparedness factor of the movement has completely overshadowed its sporting side.

In order to supply the necessary instructors, Captain W. C. Harliee, of the Marine Corps, one of the most energetic supporters of the club miovation and the complete supporters of the club miovation arms fire. It is planned to extend his system all over the country, so that each club may supply its own instructors. Young college men on their vacations have proved the best raw material, combining a good bit of leisure

notes had been superselved and because the country and range to range across the country, until each section has its local talent fitted to coach rearmy, although they are high-power army, although they are high-power cruits. If the scheme works out as weapons of a late and efficient model. There was also much ammunition on hand—even to-day there are 30,000,000 rounds of Krag cartridges available, a supply large enough to last almost in-definitely under the old circumstances, although the end of it is in sight if the civilian clubs continue to burn it up at the present rate. By putting this great stock of shooting material in the hands of the people, the gov-ernment gave every citizen a chance to make himself a rifleman at little cost.

Ten Men and Range Necessary. In order to organize a rifle club and get a certificate of membership in the National Rifle Association all that is necessary is a preliminary membership of ten men who want to learn to shoot, and a range to do the shooting. The government will issue Kraga to each club in a ratio of at least one rifle t every five men free of charge, as well as an annual supply of 120 rounds of ammunition to each member. Practi-cally all of the clubs, of course, shoot a great deal more than this, and the government sells additional ammuniammunition to them at the rate of \$15 a 1,000 rounds, which is about half what it originally cost to manufacture. Scores of clubs have been organized every State in the Union. have been organized in all our insula possessions, in Porto Itico and Ha

vatian Islands, the Philippines and in

Alaska. There is even a club in the American colony in Shanghai, China

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Considerable elasticity is allowed each individual club in its choice of arms. Some of them are not content with the old Krags, and prefer to pay for the current model Springfields and

Springfield ammunition. It is one of

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While the total club membership is a matter of estimate, the number of qualifications as marksman, sharpshooter or expert are a matter of record. There were more qualifications on the range at Winthrop, Md., where the clubs from Washington, D. C. shoot, in the first two weeks of April, 1816, than the entire United States showed for the whole year of the second, at a twenty-inch circle five what is going on to a greater or less degree over the whole country.

Riffe Clubs Increase in Number.

A consideration of riffe-club figures The great increase in the number of A consideration of rifle-club figures few hours a week to devote to the for the period of the European war shows facts even more striking than the he has no time to work out a system for himself. He must be taught

## National Association is Busy.

A single year saw the number more than doubled, leaping by the end of 1915 to a total of 639, a gain of 363. In the few months of 1916 that have the few months of 1916 that have the passed, almost 500 additional civilian to work with civilian clubs—is work. clubs have joined the ranks, so that ing out a system at the Winthrop the total to-day shows well over 1,100, range to meet the need. Perhaps bewith the rate of increase higher than ever. April, 1916, the last month for which complete returns are available, national capital has become a sort of broke all records, with 140 new clubs for the month. years old, which was organized with the club. Each of the big government de idea of developing target shooting as partments has its club, one of which

shadowed its sporting side.

The original act of Congress authorizing the issue of rifles and ammunition was passed in 1905, and renacted in a modified form in 1914. The government arsenals had on hand a large supply of the army Krags of the 1898 model, such as our troops used in the Spanish-American War. This model had been superseded by the later Springfield, so that the arms were well as it promises the public will not only be learning to shoot, it will even be teaching itself.

## The Broken Soldier.

The broken soldier sings and whistles day to dark,

He's but the remnant of a man, malmed and half blind: But the soul they could not harm goes singing like the lark, Like the incarnate Joy that will not

be confined. The Lady at the Hall has given him a light task; He works in the gardens as busy as a

one hand is but a stump and his face a pitted mask; The gay soul goes singing like a bird

Whistling and singing like a linnet onwing. The others stop to listen, leaning on the spade; Whole men and comely, they fret at

little things,
The soul of him's singing like a
thrush in a glade. Hither and thither hopping, like Robin on the grass.

The soul in the broken man is beautiful and brave; And while he weeds the pansies and

the bright hours pass The bird caught in the cage whistles its joyous stave.

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